Capsule Summary SM-345 Leonardtown Bank of the Eastern Shore Trust Company Leonardtown Private

c. 1912-1913

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SM-345, Leonardtown Bank of the Eastern Shore St. Mary's County
Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Data

<u>Historic Context</u> Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period: Industrial/Urban Dominance

Historic Period Theme: Architecture, Economic

Resource Type Category:

Building

Historic Environment: Town

Historic Function and Use: Bank

Known Design Source: Unknown

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Constructed in 1912-1913, the Leonardtown Bank of the Eastern Shore Trust Company is a one story, gable-front, brick building with a rectangular plan. Located at 513 Washington Street in Leonardtown, Maryland, the bank building is oriented on an east/west axis. Situated in close proximity to other significant architect-built structures such as the First National Bank of St. Mary's County Courthouse, the building and its Classical-Revival detailing conform to the surrounding streetscape.

The pedimented east elevation (or primary elevation) of the bank faces Washington Street. This elevation, as well as all others of the original bank, is constructed of rubbed brick laid in an all stretcher bond that exhibits thin, paste mortar joints. This elevation is comprised of two bays--a three-part or Palladian window and an enclosed portico with an open bed pediment. The three-part window consists of a large, one-over-one, double-hung sash window flanked on each side by thin, one-over-one, double-hung sash. The entire window composition is topped by a flush, machine-cut, limestone lintel while a flush, machine-cut, limestone sill supports the bottom. Approached via three limestone steps is the central, arched doorway. It exhibits a semicircular transom and a modern six-panel door--the earlier surveyor's description suggests this replaced an earlier set of double-doors. The trim of the archway is topped by a semicircular, limestone lintel with a keystone. The lintel is framed by the open bed pediment that exhibits closely spaced dentils. The pediment is supported on either side of the doorway by square brick projections that suggest the form of columns. These columns feature plain limestone capitals and bases. Above the first floor bays is a full pediment with widely spaced dentils. In the middle of the triangular wall space created by this architectural detail is a small palladian window comprised of a central fixed window pane with a semicircular pane over it. This pane is flanked on either side by smaller, thinner fixed panes. A semicircular limestone lintel with a keystone and a limestone sill frames the entire window. The peaks of the slate covered roofs of both the main building and the portico feature a finial. The later addition located on the south side of this elevation contains a single wood door.

The north elevation is comprised of three bays on the main block and a single bay on the west (rear) extension. Two, one-over-one, double-hung sash windows with rectangular limestone lintels and sills flank a three-part or Palladian window with a lintel and keystone. This center bay projects four inches from the wall surface and exhibits a cross-gable that extends from the ridge of the gable roof to the dentilated cornice of this elevation to form a pediment over the center bay. A semicircular pane of glass with a sill and semicircular lintel lies in the middle of the pediment. The peak of this cross gable also exhibits a finial. A prominent feature seen on this elevation is a decorative spine along the roof peak of the main block and portico. Sometime before 1928, a brick addition was constructed at the western corner of this elevation. It is distinguished by its seven-to-one common brick bond, broad range in brick color, and its gable roof covered with a pressed-tin shingle roof.

The west elevation mainly consists of the rear extension. It contains three bays and an exterior end chimney. The southwestern bay consists of two, thin, one-over-one, double-hung sash while the other two bays are one-over-one sash. All of these windows have stone lintels and sills. This elevation, however, lacks any cornice decoration.

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In 1912, the Eastern Shore Trust Company purchased land on the west side of Washington Street that had formerly been known as the house and lot of Judge B. Harris Camalier and another lot known as the "Storehouse" or "Restaurant." Only a year later, the company constructed the bank and subsequently sold the remaining land to M. Christine Greenwell, et al. While the Eastern Shore Trust changed its name to the County Trust Company of Maryland, the building remained a bank until 1951 when it was sold to J. Ernest and T. Webster Bell and soon after the interior was divided into office space.

The bank building exhibits only one addition. Sometime before 1928, the west elevation was added on to, but other than this alteration, the exterior retains all of its original detailing. The interior was largely changed in the 1950s, but some original fabric survives. The vault, manufactured by the Herring Hall Marvin Safe Company, for instance, is functional and still retains its ventilator manufactured by the O. B. McClintock Company of Minneapolis. Above the vault, stands the "counting room" a space that could only be approached via a ladder. The interior also retains some of its original matchstick wainscotting and glazed ceramic tile dado. These interior details not only provide information about the bank's decorative scheme, but also its provisions for security and operations.

Major Bibliographical References

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Interview. Michael J. Whitson, July, 1996.

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SM-345, Leonardtown Bank of the Eastern Shore Trust Company St. Mary's County 7.1 Description

The south elevation is comprised of part of the rear extension and the main block of the bank. The extension exhibits one, one-over-one, double-hung sash window, while the main block exhibits two, one-over-one sash with rectangular limestone lintels and sills. The dentilated cornice reappears on the main-block, while the rear extension remains relatively undecorated.

The interior of the bank building is entered through a modern, six-panel door. Immediately upon entering is an arched foyer covered with pressed metal and a ceramic tile dado with a flooring of encaustic tile. Two paneled and glass pane doors allow entry from the foyer to the main part of the building. Much of the interior arrangement of spaces has been altered, but several doors retain their molded architraves and bull's eye corner blocks. The "counting room," a small enclosed room located above the vault with a small door could only be approached by a ladder. The vault, manufactured by Herring, Hall, Marvin Safe Company, is located in the southwest corner of the building. The interior of the vault is constructed of large aggregate concrete and contains a vaulted ceiling and a ventilator manufactured by O. B. McClintock Company of Minneapolis. A sign above the vault notes that silent alarms from the same company protected the vault.

SM-345, The Leonardtown Bank of the Eastern Shore Trust Company

St. Mary's County

8.1 Significance

Chain of Title

(All deeds are located at the Land Records Office, St. Mary's Courthouse, Leonardtown, Maryland unless otherwise noted.)

Reference: EWA Liber 631, Folio 209

Grantee: Washington Street Office Associates, Michael Whitson General Partner Grantor: Michael J. Whitson, Lynn Erwin, Francis R. Leber, Sylvia Briscoe

Date: October 31, 1991

Note: The property is listed as containing 3,990.63 sq/ft.

Reference: MRB Liber 315, Folio 454

Grantee: Michael J. Whitson, Lynn Erwin, Francis R. Leber, Sylvia Briscoe

Grantor: John E. Pleisse Date: October 17, 1986

Note: The deed makes reference to an easement located in MRB Liber 100, Folio 267.

Reference: MRB Liber 33, Folio 115

Grantee: John E. Pleisse Grantor: George R. Sparling Date: December 29, 1978

Note: The property is purchased for \$4,000.

Reference: DBK Liber 264, Folio 87

Grantee: C. Clark Raley, John Pleisse, George R. Sparling

Grantor: Oliver R. Guyther, Attorney assignee

Date: December 23, 1976

Note: The property is conveyed to John Pleisse and George R. Sparling through a quitclaim deed dated February 1, 1977 in DBK 266, Folio 205. They bought the property via public auction at the Courthouse in Leonardtown. The owners, Hamilton Insurance Company of Washington, were foreclosed upon. The record of these proceedings is located in Equity A-6160.

Reference: CBG Liber 100, Folio 267

Grantee: Charles A. Norris and Mary Genevieve Norris

Grantor: J. Ernest Bell and T. Webster Bell Date: February 2, 1962 and April 10, 1962

Reference: CBG Liber 30, Folio 33

Grantee: J. Ernest Bell and T. Webster Bell Grantor: County Trust Company of Maryland

Date: March 27, 1951

Note: The property is described as containing about 1/8 of an acre.

Reference: CBG Liber 12, Folio 454

Grantee: County Trust Company of Maryland Grantor: County Corporation of Maryland

Date: April 9, 1941

SM-345, Leonardtown Bank of the Eastern Shore Trust Company St. Mary's County 8.2 Significance

Reference: EBA Liber 10, Folio 496

Grantee: M. Christine Greenwell, Maria E. Greenwell, Eleanor F. Greenwell, and Wilhemena

Greenwell

Grantor: Eastern Shore Trust Company

Date: February 1, 1913

Note: This deed notes that the Eastern Shore Trust Company sells all of land it purchased on the west side of Washington Street except for its own building lot. This property was known as the house and lot of Judge B Harris Camalier and the Restaurant lot.

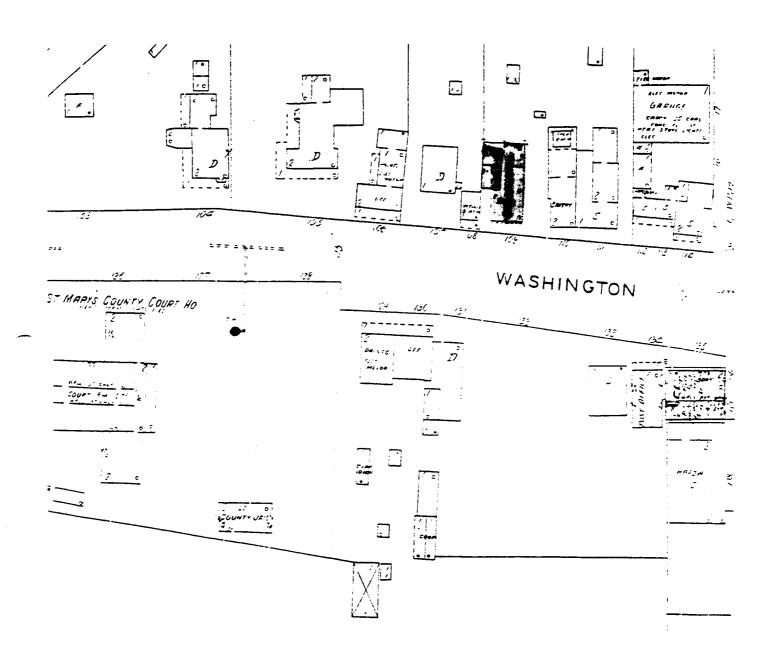
Reference: EBA Liber 10, Folio 256 Grantee: Eastern Shore Trust Company

Grantor: James J. Norris and Leila C. Norris, his wife

Date: August 5, 1912

Note: George W. Woolford is listed as the president of the Trust Company. The property is listed as containing the land formerly occupied by Alithir Spalding and Judge B. Harris Camalier and the lot called the "Storehouse" and lately known as the Restaurant.

SM-345, The Leonardtown Bank of the Eastern Shore Trust Company St. Mary's County Significance 8.3



1928 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map of Leonardtown showing the Leonardtown Bank of the Eastern Shore Trust Company. Note the addition to the west and south elevations.

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The old Leonardtown Bank of the Eastern Shore Trust Co., is a one-story brick convercial building of the late 19th century which is now converted to law offices located on the west side of Washington St. across from Courthouse Square in Leonardtown Maryland

The building is generally rectangular in shape with a gable end. two bays wide. facing Washington St. A pedimented entry foyer projects from the north bay. The main gable pediment has a metal modillion cornice and a small "Palladian" window. This window as well as all other windows have stone lintels with keystones. At the north side elevation. there is a partial string course in stone. The ridge crest and finials of the roof are metal. The entry foyer has brick pilasters with stone capitals and a metal architrave with dentil molding.

The original entrance had double doors, but there is now a modern 6-panel door. The arched interior fover is covered in pressed metal with a ceramic tile dado and the flooring is encaustic tile. The interior has been partitioned and paneled but several original door openings with molded architraves and bull's eye corner blocks and a section of the encaustic tiled floor survive. The vault is still in place and the surrounding wall is glazed ceramic tile with a border of floral design. There is a second vault in the basement with brick arches.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Leonardtown branch of the Eastern Shore Trust Co. is a good example of the vaguely Georgian Revival architecture which characterized most of the Company's branch banks. Not pure Georgian Revival, it also has the look of Jeffersonian classicism which was prevalent in nearby Virginia for public buildings, persisting into the present.

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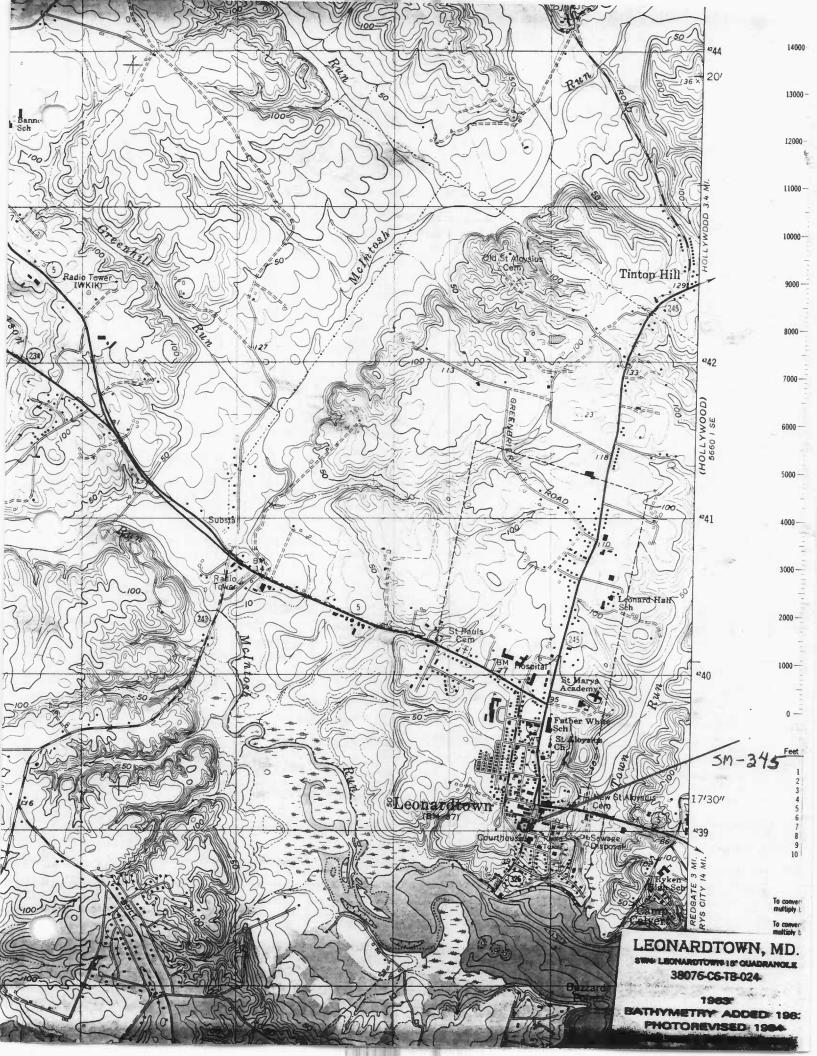
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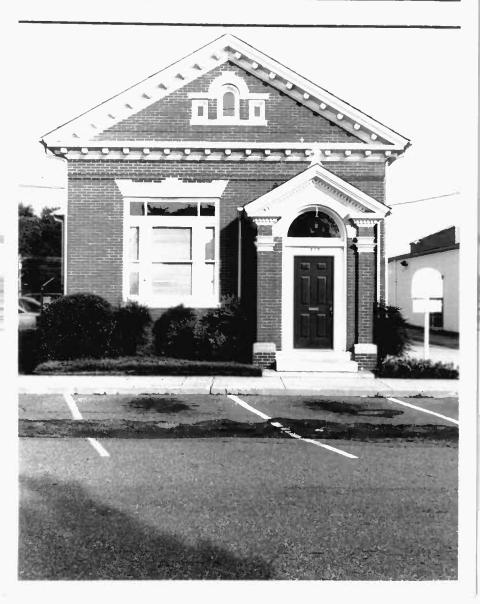
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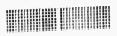
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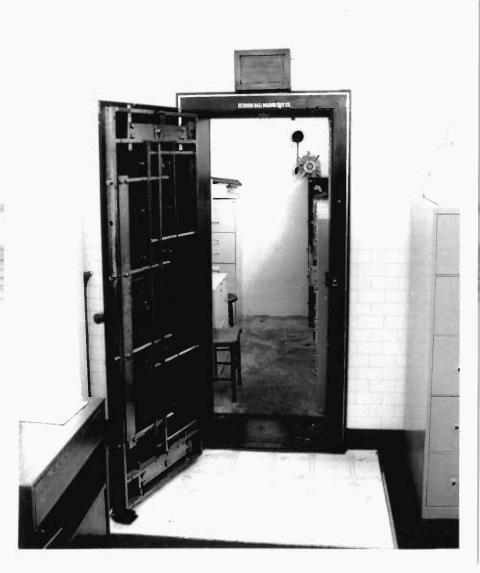


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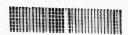


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